

George S. Tsagaris, Ph.D., LISW-S

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Tsagaris is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), Cleveland State University (CSU). He has a Ph.D. in Urban Education (CSU), Master of Science in Social Administration (Case Western Reserve University), and Master of Science in Urban Studies (CSU). He is a licensed independent social worker, supervisor designee (LISW-S).

Prior to academia, Dr. Tsagaris had over 34 years of juvenile justice experience, including probation, court diversion, staff development and training. He retired as Deputy Chief Probation Officer at the Juvenile Division of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, having been responsible for probation supervision, day reporting, community service, female gender specific programming, and training.

Dr. Tsagaris has several professional and ethnic memberships, having received awards from the National Juvenile Court Services Association (NJCSA), Greater Cleveland Chapter of American Society of Training and Development (ASTD), Chios Society of Cleveland, Chapter # 7, and Clergy United. He served as President of the John M. Manos Cleveland Chapter #36, American Hellenic Educational Association (AHEPA), and is a current member of their Scholarship Committee.

Dr. Tsagaris has taught over 15 undergraduate and graduate courses. His academic interests include adult offenders with developmental disabilities, sex trafficking, cultural diversity, and curriculum development. He has taught cultural diversity, social work leadership and management, supervision and staff development, program evaluation, and policy, and developed many courses. He has presented at national judges', forensic, and international sex trafficking conferences.

Due to his research-meets-practice background, Dr. Tsagaris has been invited to present at many national conferences and serves as a guest reviewer for several tier-one journals. His expertise has been recognized internationally, working on international collaborative pieces and being invited as a fellow on Australia's first University-led Sexual Violence and Research Prevention Unit (SVRPU), University of the Sunshine Coast.